

REMARKS

The Claim Amendments and the Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 are amended and claim 4 is cancelled.

Support for the amendments to the moiety containing N and R¹ in claim 1 can be found, for example, on page 8 in formula (A) and (A)-5, on lines 7 to the end of the page. Support for the amendment to R² in claim 1, can be found, for example, on page 9, lines 1-3, and also in subformulae (B1)-1 to (B1)-6 on page 10 wherein R³ has a variety of structures, but R² is methylene in each case. Support for the amendment to R³, i.e., the addition of hydrogen to the possible groups for this moiety, can be found, for example, on page 9, lines 3-6, and also in subformulae (B1)-1 on page 10.

Support for the amendments to the moiety containing N and R¹ in claim 2 can be found, for example, on page 8 in formula (A) and (A)-5, on lines 7 to the end of the page. Support for the amendment to R⁴ in claim 2, can be found, for example, on page 9, lines 1-3, and also in subformulae (B2)-1 to (B2)-11 on page 11 wherein R⁵ and R⁶ have a variety of structures, but R⁴ is methylene in each case.

Amendments to the form of allowed claims 3, 5, 6, and 8 are also made. The definitions of R³ and R⁶ now also include hydrogen. Support for this amendment, can be found, for example, on page 9, lines 3-6, and also in subformulae (B1)-1 and (B2)-1 on pages 10 and 11.

The new dependent claims find support in the specification.

The section 102 rejections are moot. The cancellation of subject matter either by amendment or cancellation of a claim is made to further the prosecution of this application. No admission is made with regard to the patentability of the cancelled subject matter.

To the extent that the amendments avoid the prior art or for other reasons related to patentability, competitors are warned that the amendments are not intended to and do not limit the scope of equivalents which may be asserted on subject matter outside the literal scope of any patented claims but not anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art or otherwise unpatentable to applicants.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter disclosed in the application which has been canceled by any of the above amendments.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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